

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

SUBMITTED TO:

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Report Date: 09, March, 2015

Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Baker, Harry Charles	i	Adanac Military Cemetery	link
16 th Battalion	i	Miraumont, Somme France	i
Captain	i	Plot 4, Row E, Grave 7	i
Date of Death 26/9/1916	link	Date of Burial / Exhumation	i
Attestation Papers	link	Cemetery Schematic	link
Service Record	link	Graves Registration Report	5
Circumstance of Casualty	1	Concentration of Grave	6
CEF Canada Register		Headstone Register	
War Diary Extract(s)		Casualty Spreadsheet	
Area Map(s)	2	Trench Map Exhumation	7
Trench Map(s)	3	Grave Stone Photograph	
Possible Candidates List	4	Grave Stone Inscription	
Excluded Candidates List		Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Other		Reporting and Review	8

Summary of Findings:

CWGC documents report that a Captain of the 16th Canadian Infantry Battalion is buried in Plot 4 Row E Grave 7 of Adanac Military Cemetery. There are three (3) Captains of the 16th Battalion listed on the Vimy Memorial (Baker, Moore and Munro).

Only Captain Harry Charles Baker was in the location of the exhumation as described on the Concentration of Grave Report as 57C M14 a5.6, as further depicted on the Trench Map.

Details of Findings:

We base our findings on the following details:

1. The “Circumstance of Casualty” reports that Captain Baker was killed on September 26, 1916 during military operations beyond Courcellette. On going forward with his company; he was killed during a heavy barrage of artillery and machine gun fire. There was no record of his burial.
2. As shown in “Nicholson Sketch 29” the 16th Infantry Battalion was beyond Courcellette in the vicinity of Regina Trench and Kenora Trench. This was further confirmed by reviewing the War Diaries of the 3rd Infantry Brigade for September 26, 1916.
3. The “Trench Maps” for that period show the 16th Battalion had moved up from Albert, through Sausage Valley and into the area north of Courcellette. This was confirmed by referencing the War Diaries of the 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions of the 3rd Infantry Brigade. Elements of the 16th Battalion moved in primarily to support the 15th Battalion on the front lines.
4. There are only three (3) Captains of the 16th Battalion listed on the Vimy Memorial and of these only Captain Baker was in the vicinity of where the body was exhumed at 57C M14 a5.6.
 - a. Baker, Harry Charles KIA 26/09/1916 just beyond of Courcellette
 - b. Moore, Donald MacKenzie KIA 22/05/1915 near Festubert some 53 km north of Courcellette
 - c. Munro, John MacKay KIA 1/10/1918 near Hynecourt, approximately 33 km north west north of Courcellette
5. The “Graves Registration Report Form” for Adanac Military Cemetery specifically states that Plot 4 Row E Grave 7 is “16/Ca. Scots. Unknown Captain” (16th Battalion, *Canadian Scottish*).
6. The “Concentration of Graves Burial Return” shows that the body was exhumed from the location marked by the Trench Map at 57C M14 a5.6, at the location where Captain Baker was at the time of his death.

Action Required:

We believe that there is compelling evidence to warrant the replacement of the grave stone at Plot 4 Row E Grave 7 in Adanac Military Cemetery with one that shows that Captain Harry Charles Baker is buried at that location.

There is no conflicting evidence to indicate that the body could be anyone other than Captain Baker, thus this report can be considered as conclusive.

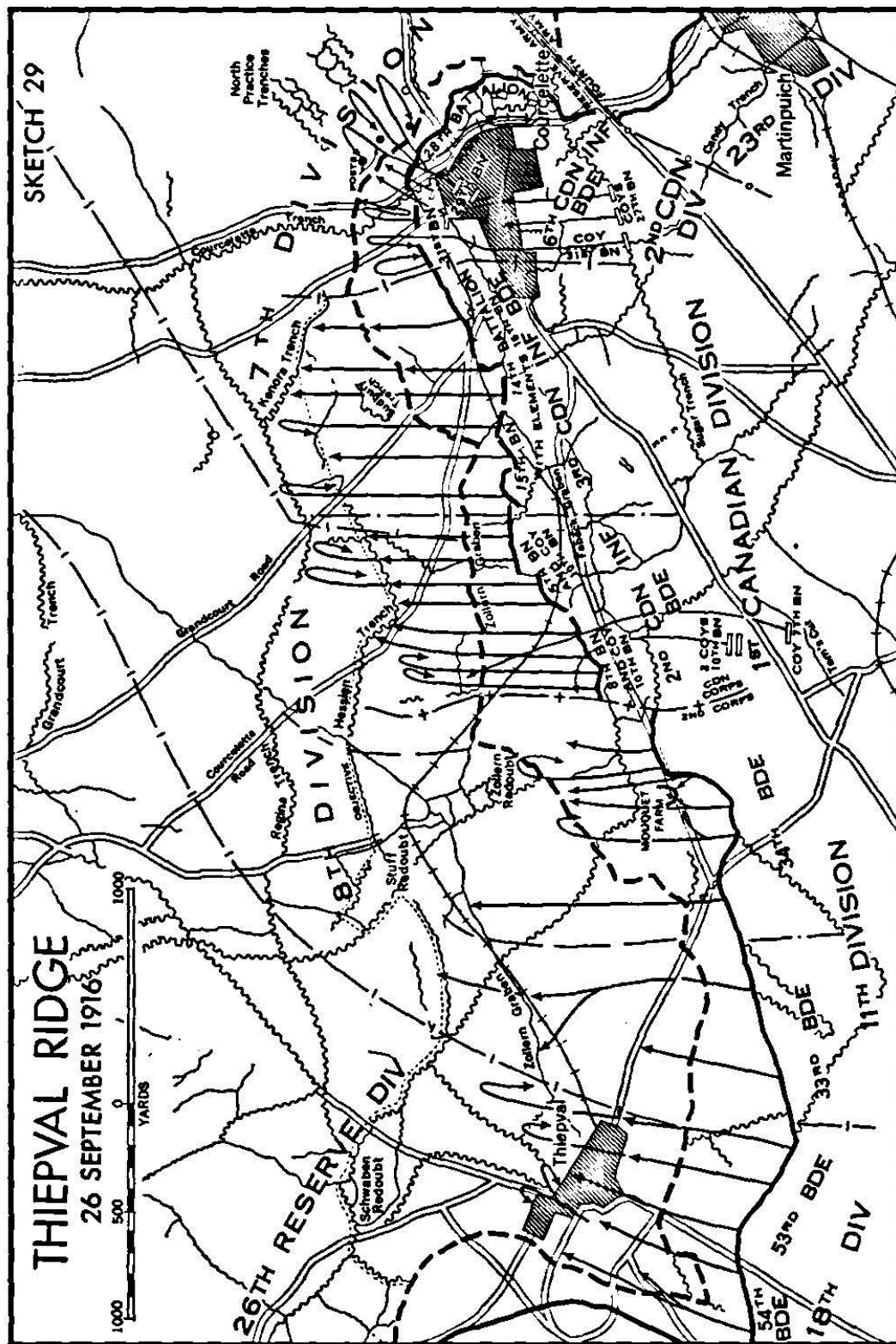
ATTACHMENT #1

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAMES	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
	Captain	BAKER	Harry Charles
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
16th Battalion	26-9-16	338-16-115	Church of England
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY			
<p>"Previously reported wounded believed killed, now reported Killed in Action"</p> <p>During Military Operations beyond COURCELETTE, this officer went forward in an attack with his Company to take certain enemy positions. Severe Artillery and machine gun barrages were encountered, during which Captain Baker was killed.</p>			
10. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
<p>NOTE—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.</p>			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
		Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

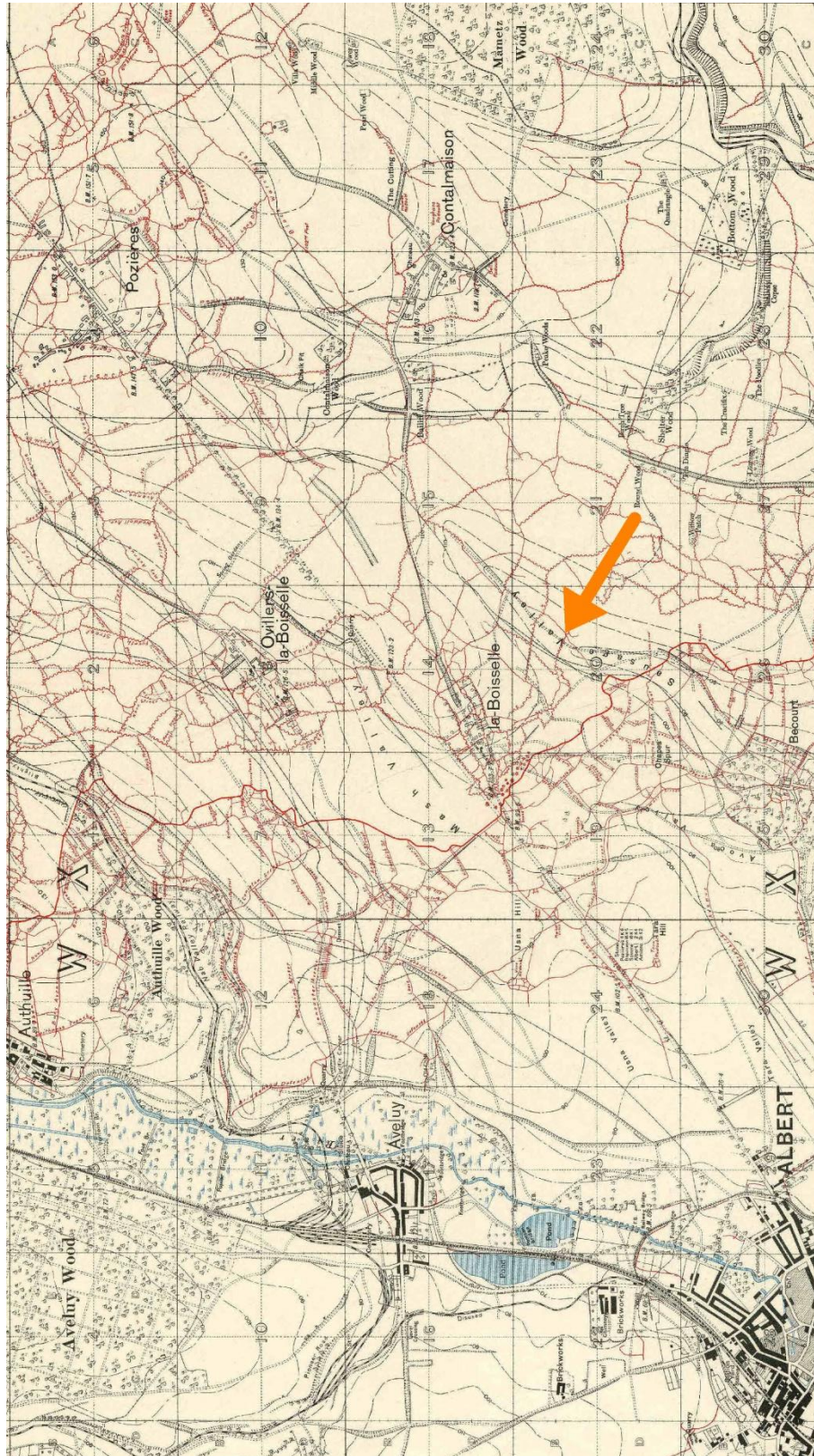
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ATTACHMENT #4

Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
MUNRO, JOHN MACKAY	Captain		01/10/1918	30	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
BAKER, HARRY CHARLES	Captain		26/09/1916	40	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
MOORE, DONALD MacKENZIE	Captain		22/05/1915		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	

ATTACHMENT #5

ELA. Army Form W. 3372.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

3rd Area Serial No. W/4419

REPORT No. 90. SCHEDULE No. 85c

COMMUNE: MIRAUMONT.

PLACE OF BURIAL ADANAC M.C.

Map Reference 57d.R.18.a.3.4.

The following are buried here:— *Information*

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
<u>PLOT 4 ROW "D".</u>						
16/ R.Warwicks,	16/748	WAKELING	L/Sgt.M.		All	Gr.35 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			Grosses	36 ✓
R.Warwicks.		"	"		Erected.	37 ✓
10 th Bedfords.	4157	TOMPKINS	Pte. C.A.	23.8.18	3/27008	38 ✓
"		UNKNOWN				39 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				40 ✓
<u>PLOT 4 ROW "E".</u>						
47/Bn.Can.		UNKNOWN SOLDIER				1 ✓
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER				2 ✓
47/Can.		"	SOLDIER			3 ✓
16/Can.Scots.		GOODALL	Capt.S.H.			4 ✓
16 th Bn. G.E.F.	130146	McDONALD	Pte.D.W.	8/9-10-16 (C.C.M./L.S./15883)		5 ✓
"		UNKNOWN SOLDIER				6 ✓
16/Can.Scots.		UNKNOWN	Capt.			7 ✓
G.E.F.		UNKNOWN SOLDIER				8 ✓

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ATTACHMENT #6

CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES (Exhumation and Reburials).

BURIAL RETURN.

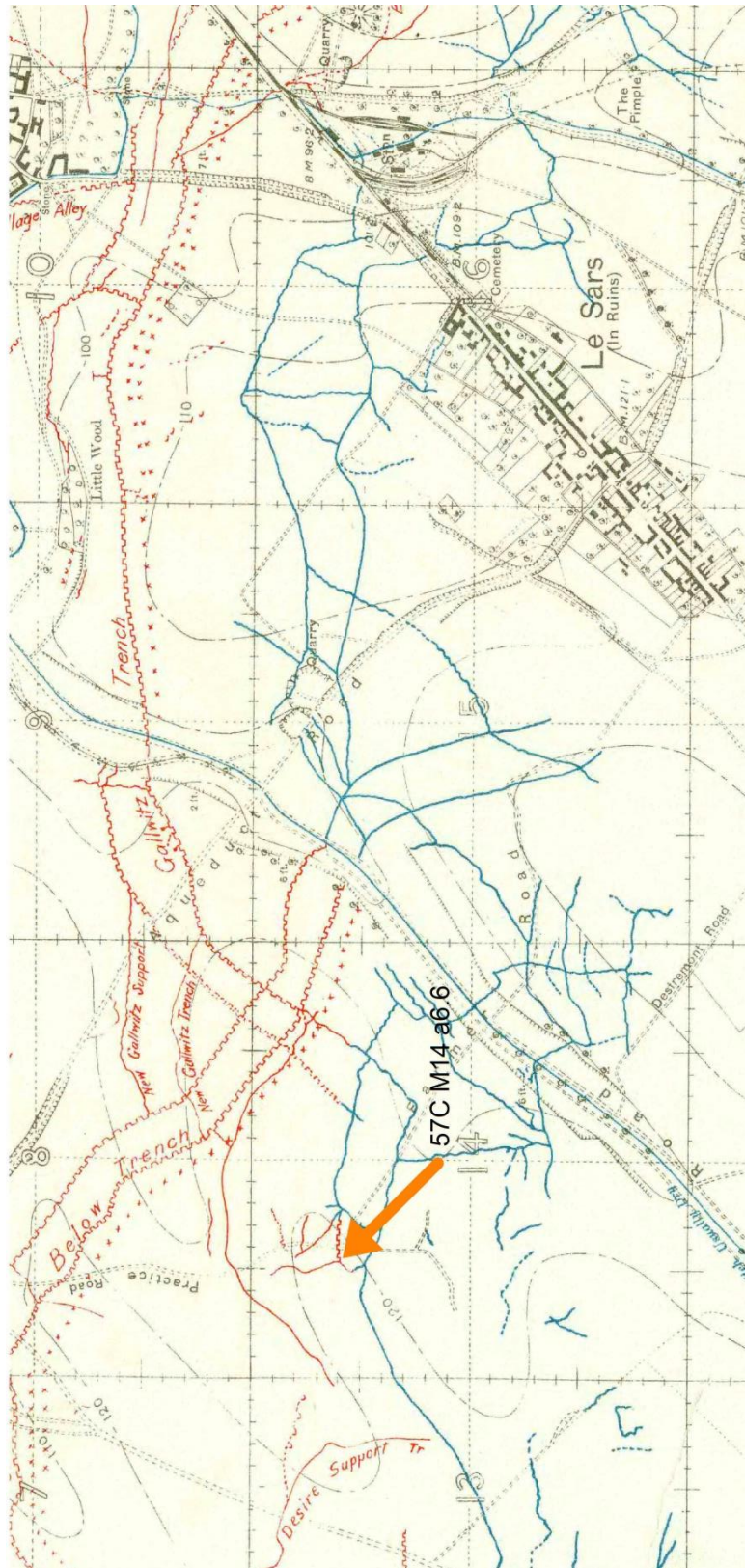
Serial 219 Name of Cemetery of Reburial ADANAC BRITISH CEMETERY, 52D. R. 12. 10. 10.

Plot	Row	Grave	Map Reference where body found	Was cross on grave?	Regimental particulars	Means of Identification	Were any effects forwarded to Base?
4	2	31	570 M. 14. A. 5. 8.	Yes	UNKNOWN CANADIAN 16th Bn.	Clothing. GRU.	No.
"	"	32	-do-	"	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.	Clothing. GRU.	"
"	"	33	+do-	"	UNKNOWN CANADIAN. 47th.	Shoulder Badge GRU.	"
"	"	34	-do-	"	Capt. S. H. GOODALL. 16th Canadian Scots	Piece found. GRU.	"
"	"	35	-do-	"	13048 Pte W. D. McDONALD (S.N. 10304) Name on cross. 1/0.E.F.	GRU. FB. 47.	"
"	"	36	-do-	"	UNKNOWN O.E.F.	Buttons clothing. GRU. FB. 46.	"
"	"	37	-do-	"	Capt. UNKNOWN. 16th Batt. Canadian Scots.	Cross on grave GRU.	"
"	"	38	-do-	"	UNKNOWN CANADIAN.	Clothing. GRU.	"
"	"	39	-do-	"	139012 Pte C. BERNETT. O.E.F.	Cross on grave GRU.	"
"	"	40	570 M. 13. D. 0. 54	No	UNKNOWN O.E.F.	Clothing Buttons. 4/10/19	"

This form to be made out in triplicate, two copies being handed to the D.A.D. (C. of G.) and the other retained by the Burial Officer.

G.I.A. W. WILSON H.P. 018. 1000000. 9/19. S.O.F. 14.

ATTACHMENT #7



ATTACHMENT #8

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

Procedure:	Guideline Criteria for Submission:
All new identification cases need to be assessed in the first instance by the Canadian Agency (CA) and submissions should go to their office directly. After an initial assessment, if the Agency feels that the case is compelling, they will then pass all the documentation to the Commemorations Team at the Commission's Head Office. Head Office will then review the case and inform the CA of their findings. The Canadian authorities will then decide whether or not any changes to the arrangements for commemoration are required and inform the Commission accordingly.	Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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